

REMARKS

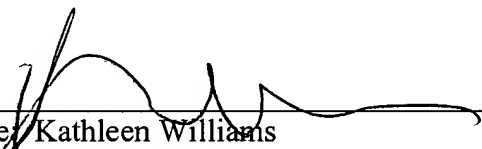
Claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10-14 and 19-20 are pending. Claims 1, 2, 4-8 and 10-14 are allowed. Claims 19 and 20 are cancelled herein without prejudice. Previously withdrawn claims 15-18 are formally cancelled herein without prejudice.

A Notice of Appeal from the final rejection of claims 19 and 20 was filed on February 25, 2004. A Supplemental Amendment cancelling claims 19 and 20 without prejudice was filed September 10, 2004 with a Petition for Extension of Time and the necessary petition fee to maintain the pendency of the application to September 24, 2004. Examiner Gabel indicated by telephone on September 23 that the amendment was received by the PTO, but that she has not yet received it and therefore has not yet acted upon it. She also noted that the format of the Listing of the Claims under 35 U.S.C. §1.121 does not permit the designation "Allowed." The Listing of the Claims herein lists those claims designated "Allowed" in the Supplemental Amendment as "Previously presented" and is believed to be fully compliant with the rules.

Applicants submit that with the cancellation of the claims noted above, all claims are allowed. Applicants respectfully request notification to that effect.

Respectfully submitted,

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